

Postgraduate study: Academic integrity of PhD students

1. Terms

According to Article 42 of the Law of Ukraine "On Education":

academic integrity – a set of ethical principles and statutory rules by law that have guided the participants of educational process during training, teaching and scientific (artistic) activities to ensure trust in learning outcomes and / or scientific (artistic) performance;

academic plagiarism – promulgation (partially or completely) scientific (artistic) results obtained by others, as the results of own original research (creativity) and / or unauthorized reproducing published texts (published works of art) of other authors

2. Measures to comply with the academic integrity include:

- independently perform learning tasks for current and final control of learning outcomes (for persons with special educational needs, this requirement applies according to their individual needs and capabilities.);
- refer to sources of information using ideas, developments, statements, information
- comply with legislation on copyright and related rights;
- provide reliable information on the results of their own learning (scientific, artistic) activities, about used research methods and sources of information

3. Forms in which students may breach academic integrity:

academic plagiarism – publicizing (partially or fully) scientific (artistic) results which has been obtained by another person as one's own research (own creativity) and / or reproducing published texts (published works of art) which has been produced by other authors without authorship;

self-plagiarism (auto-plagiarism) – publicizing (partially or fully) own scientific results have previously published/presented as new scientific results;

fabrication – composing data or facts used in an educational process or scientific research;

falsification – deliberately changing or modifying existing data relating to the educational process or scientific research;

cheating – doing written works involving external sources of information except for allowed to use, in particular when evaluating learning outcomes;

fraud – providing knowingly false information about own educational (scientific, artistic) activity or own organization of educational process; forms of fraud are, in particular, academic plagiarism, self-plagiarism, fabrication, falsification and cheating;

bribery – providing (receiving) by participant of educational process or offer to provide (receive) funds, property, services, benefits or any other benefits of tangible or intangible nature to obtain undue advantage in educational process;

biased evaluation – deliberate over- or under-estimation of students' learning outcomes

4. Students' responsibilities for violating the academic integrity.

4.1. Academic penalties for violating the academic integrity:

- repeat assessment (control work, exam, credit, etc.);
- retrain the component of the educational program;
- expulsion from HEI (except persons who acquire secondary education);
- loss of scholarship;
- loss of benefits on payment of training which provided by HEI.

Types of academic responsibilities for participants of educational process for specific violating the academic integrity determined by special laws and S. Kuznets KhNUE internal regulations.

4.2. Academic penalties for violating the academic integrity for persons which acquiring the scientific degree of Ph.D.:

4.2.1. Before defending thesis in Specialized Academic Council:

In case specialized academic council found violations of academic integrity in thesis and / or scientific publications which presented the main scientific results, this is the reason to get rejected in awarding scientific degree of Ph.D. without the right to defend thesis again.

In case specialized academic council found violations of academic integrity in thesis and / or scientific publications which presented the main scientific results application for thesis withdrawal is not accepted. In this case, the specialized academic council makes a decision to refuse to award the scientific degree of Ph.D.

4.2.2. After defending thesis in specialized academic council:

In case MESU identified academic plagiarism in defended thesis is the basis for depriving supervisor right to prepare persons which acquiring the scientific degree for two years and for depriving members of specialized academic council right to certify persons which acquiring the scientific degree for two years.

Person which acquiring the scientific degree of Ph.D. has the right to be aware with MESU summary conclusion after MESU decision on canceling decision of specialized academic council to award the Ph.D. A copy of summary conclusion is given to the person which acquiring the scientific degree within a month (at their request).

If decision of Specialized Academic Council to award the scientific degree of Ph.D. canceled by MESU due to violations of requirements for thesis and scientific publications which presented the main scientific results, this thesis can be submitted by person which acquiring the scientific degree for defense again after its completion not earlier than one year from the date of decision on canceling decision of specialized academic council.

If decision of Specialized Academic Council to award the scientific degree of Ph.D. canceled by MESU due to violations of academic integrity in thesis and / or scientific publications which presented the main scientific results, this thesis cannot be re-submitted for defense.